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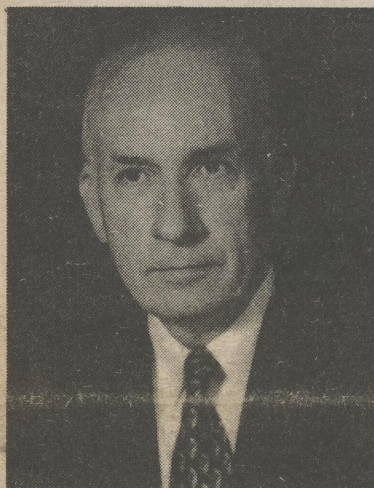
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FBA Meeting Monday, March 26 8 pm

St. Paul's Parish House
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Dr. Lloyd Elliott

The Changing Face of George Washington



Dr. Lloyd H. Elliott

by John Landgraf

There is an old legend about the beginnings of the university that has a group of disputing scholars in caps and gowns meeting in a medieval marketplace square. Unfortunately, the crowd that they drew created a mess and disturbed the neighbors. In order to deal with the problem, they finally agreed to name one of their members to pass his hat among the listening citizens and use the money to clean up after the daily meetings.

This, it is said, was the origin of university administrators, of tuition, and ultimately, in this country, of university presidents. The meetings grew in popularity and it became necessary to rent a store front, and then to buy and fix up unused buildings. The money from the crowd was insufficient for this and the mortarboard had to be passed in front of the local noblemen and bishops. But the neighbors were never completely satisfied.

The story is a familiar one in Foggy Bottom, for we have our own university, its administrators, and a President. He is **Dr. Lloyd H. Elliott, President of George Washington University**, who will be the featured speaker at the March 26 meeting of the Foggy Bottom Association.

Dr. Elliott is a confirmed educational administrator, who continuously worked his way up from early beginnings as an elementary teacher in West Virginia on to Principal, then on to Assistant Superintendent of Schools in Boulder, Colorado as he finished his highest educational degree there.

In 1948 he moved from adminis-

tering lower education to higher education, beginning as an Assistant Professor in the school of education at Cornell University and ten years later he wound up as Executive Assistant to the President there. Then came seven years as President of the University of Maine, and in 1965 he was called to George Washington.

All of the problems of that first peripatetic scholar passing his mortarboard have beset him in his long tenure here in Foggy Bottom. Unlike the University of Maine, GWU is a private institution, which means that it gets no direct subventions from taxes. The costs of providing the kinds of academic surroundings that the modern crowd of listeners demands are so great that their tuition contributions cover only somewhere around a quarter of the total. In a private university the rest must be found through gifts, government contracts and grants, and often ingenious and complex business arrangements that suffer careful monitoring from the neighbors and IRS.

When Dr. Elliott began at GWU it was a very small and scattered collection of nondescript buildings in the quiet Foggy Bottom neighborhood, most of them converted townhouses, its Medical School far off in downtown Washington. Mortarboard in hand, Dr. Elliott went to work. To the outside national community of university administrators his success has been phenomenal. While other university heads over the country fell like dominoes, he quietly maintained his poistion and the progress of his task. Now, between Nineteenth and Twenty-fourth Streets and between F Street and Pennsylvania Avenue it is quite apparent that the GWU campus is a central feature of Foggy Bottom.

While the fate of Foggy Bottom's charming residential ambiance disturbs a great many people, its existence is to be preferred to the alternative of monotonous blocks of concrete. These massive blocks have arisen to the north of Pennsylvania Ave., and would have likely arisen to the south as well, if GWU's President had not maintained his position and his progress.

To be sure there are some monoliths, in a kind of medieval wall around the campus, giving a growing hint, perhaps, of a developing larger plan, which incomplete as it

is, would model the dreams of most administrators of urban academic institutions.

Thus on next Monday evening, Dr. Elliott, who last spoke before the Foggy Bottom Association on October 28, 1968, will try to explain his position and his task to his neighbors, who are somewhat uneasy about changes in their midst, who want more understanding and some participation in the larger plan he seems to be carrying out. Remember, it was the neighbors of the first meetings in the medieval marketplace who forced the scholars to clean up and organize their show.

We are planning a special Candidate's Night to hear from the many candidate's running for seats on the City Council. Come to the March 26 meeting to find out the date for this event.

Metro Bus and Rail Fares to Increase This Summer

The Metro Board approved a series of new bus and rail fare proposals. The hearing to be held in the District of Columbia is scheduled for Wednesday, March 21, 7:30 p.m., D.C. City Council Chambers, 14th and E Streets, N.W. Come with your comments on the fare changes. Comments are also requested on the fiscal desirability of operating Metrorail service on Sunday. It is anticipated that fare adjustments developed as a result of the hearing process would be in effect beginning July 1, 1979.

The following proposals, developed by the board's Revenue and Operations Committee, would be discussed at the public hearings:

Metrobus Fares. Fares within the District of Columbia would remain the same. Rush hour base fares in the Maryland and Virginia suburbs would be increased by 5 cents to 55 cents per trip. Zone charges in each jurisdiction would stay the same or be increased by 5 cents. Non-rush hour zone charges between the District of Columbia and Virginia would be increased by 5 cents.

Metrorail Fares. Rush hour fares would be increased from 40 cents for the first three miles to 45 cents; mileage charges would be increased from 8.5 cents per additional mile to either 9 cents or 10 cents. Non-rush hour fares would remain the same at 50 cents per trip.

Rail-Bus Transfers. The value of rail-to-bus transfers would vary according to the location the transfer

takes place. This means that some passengers would pay the same as today, and others would have increases of from 5 cents to 15 cents.

Fares for Elderly and Handicapped Passengers. Bus fares for persons riding in the District of Columbia would remain the same at 20 cents per trip. Bus fares between the District of Columbia and Maryland or Virginia would remain the same or increase by 5 cents.

Rail fares would remain the same or go up from 5 to 10 cents. However, the Metro Board has set an upper limit of 50 cents for all trips.

Parking Lot Fees. A proposal to raise parking fees by 25 cents also will be considered. The maximum charge would be \$1 per day, with a charge of \$1 for lots within the Capital Beltway and 75 cents for lots outside the Beltway except at New Carrollton. The board also will study the effect on ridership of a decrease in mid-day parking charges.

Flash Pass. The Board may consider adjusting the value or sales price of flash passes to reflect changes in bus or rail fares.



What You Missed Last Meeting

President Al Cottrell called the meeting to order at 8 p.m.

Police Report

Lt. Morrison and Officer Wiseman, 2nd District, discussed the new sector concept. Each district is now subdivided into sectors. Foggy Bottom falls in Sector One of the 2nd District and we now have a Police Captain on call 24 hours a day. Our Captain's name is Roger Roch, and his telephone number is 282-0032.

Lt. Morrison said there are more policemen in the neighborhood than it appears—some of them are in "plain clothes." Crime statistics are entered into the computer system the same day they happen. (Don't forget to contact Maureen Holscher, FB News Editor, if you have been a recent victim.) If you would like a police officer to advise you on making your home safer and marking your valuables (Operation Identification), call 282-0050.

River Inn Liquor License

The attorneys for applicant and protestants are due to submit their findings and recommendations to the ABC Board on March 2. The

restaurant is now open for food service, but no alcohol is being sold, since the liquor license is still being considered.

A neighbor of the River Inn complained of the constant noise emanating from the Inn's newly installed outside heat pumps. She read a letter from the general manager, Robert Johnson, but was concerned by their response to the noise. (Anne Lomas, Secretary, has contacted the Dept. of Environmental Services, who said they will send an inspector out to investigate.

New FBA Boundaries

FBA Board member Bob Charles presented a motion to make the Foggy Bottom Association's boundaries the same as those of ANC 2A. Once a quorum was established, the motion was passed unanimously by those present and voting.

1 Street Mall & Triangular Park

The GW University landscape architect's plans incorporating suggestions by the Foggy Bottom Association are expected to be available for the March FBA meeting. There will be a dedication ceremony this summer or fall.

Housing

Georgetown University students, on a volunteer basis, have established a Housing Information Unit to aid community and neighborhood organizations. Their phone number is 625-3026.

Square 121 (World Bank Building)

Steve Levy, ANC Vice Chairman, said that the hearing record closed March 2 for the Zoning Commission hearing on March 8. GWU/World Bank have not met all the criteria for plans and usage, and the Coming Commission must determine if they are in conformance with the original order.

Lafayette Centre Project

Our guest speaker, Jay John Hellman, the Development Manager and a partner in the project discussed the design of One Lafayette Centre, to be constructed on 20th Street, between L & M. The Centre, to be built as a Planned Unit Development, has been praised by both the FBA and ANC for its imaginative use of space. The project will feature a glassed-in Galleria and shopping area, squash and racquet-

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Foggy Bottom has made it to the big time! People are beginning to stand up and take notice of our area. Suzanne Berry Sherwood has done a master's thesis on us, which is being published as a monograph *Foggy Bottom: Study in the Uses of an Urban Neighborhood, 1800-1975*. It tells about our sleepy Southern crossroads with plantations down to the river, then our industrial area with warehouses, ethnic working class neighborhoods where people are employed at the gas works and breweries, the slums and street gangs, the middle-income community living in townhouses (many still standing today), and then to the modern complexes, the State Department, and the George Washington University campus. **The book will be available at the George Washington Bookstore on the ground floor of the Marvin Center, 800 21st Street, N.W., for \$4.00.**

Letters

March 2, 1979

An Open Letter to the Foggy Bottom Community:

On behalf of the George Washington University Hospital, we would like to express appreciation to residents of the Foggy Bottom Community for their generous and enthusiastic response to the Hospital's need for volunteer help during the recent "Blizzard of '79."

After the transportation difficulties caused by the storm left the University Hospital seriously understaffed, a call for help from the community resulted in many more volunteers than were needed to provide assistance to our staff in such support areas as food service, housekeeping and snow removal. Many persons with four-wheel drive vehicles spent long hours providing transportation to the Hospital for staff members stranded in outlying areas.

As a result of all of this, although conditions were far from ideal, the Hospital was able to maintain its quality of patient care without interruption.

Such a show of concern and willingness to help is heartwarming. It is unfortunate that in such a situation complete records of those who helped could not be kept, but we would like to take this means to say "thank you" to all who came to our aid.

Sincerely,

Philip S. Birnbaum
Dean for Administrative Affairs

Dennis S. O'Leary, M.D.
Dean for Clinical Affairs

The George Washington University Medical Center

Notes of Interest

CLOTHING NEEDED

The GWU Medical Center Department of Social Services is refurbishing the CLOTHING CLOSET maintained for needy patients. Your donations of reasonably CURRENT, CLEAN and USABLE adult clothing will be deeply appreciated—but please, no swimsuits, miniskirts, spike heels, etc. Of special need are men's and women's WINTER clothing, plus underwear, socks, coats, shoes and sweaters. Clothes for SPRING and SUMMER are also needed. Donations are tax deductible. Contact the Department of Social Services at 676-2662 or 2663.

HEALTH FAIR SCHEDULED FOR APRIL 5

A day-long Health Fair providing free health screening for community residents and workers will be held at the George Washington University Health Plan on Thursday, April 5, at the Health Plan offices at 1229 25th St., N.W.

The Health Fair, to be run from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m., is being presented as part of an area-wide Health Fair Week sponsored by WRC-TV, WRC-AM, WKYS-FM and Peoples Drug Stores in conjunction with the National Health Screening Council and the United Black Fund.

At the Health Fair individuals will be screened for existing or potential medical problems to indicate to them whether they should consult a physician. A Health Fair will not attempt to provide treatment for medical problems, but is intended to alert individuals to any medical problems they might not be aware of.

Medical screening to be provided will cover such factors as blood pressure, hearing and vision, sickle cell anemia, counseling and referral and breast examination. There will be a nominal charge for some blood tests for diabetes, cholesterol, kidney disease, and thyroid disease.

The Health Fair is open to all persons over the age of 18, and all area residents and employees are encouraged to take advantage of this free program.

Red Cross Needs Volunteers

The Washington Regional Red Cross Blood Services is looking for volunteers. Individuals are needed to serve as drivers, blood donor recruiters and to register and escort donors at blood collection sites. Anyone interested can call the Red Cross at 857-3422.

GW University Theatre

Candide, Voltaire's satiric masterpiece, will be presented in an original story-theatre adaptation by The George Washington University Theatre April 2nd through April 7th at 8:00 p.m. in the Marvin Center Theatre. There will be a matinee at 1 p.m. on April 6th as well. Leslie Jacobson's adaptation pits the pompous optimist, Dr. Pangloss, against the clever pessimist, Madame Martine. These two philosophers invent the take of *Candide*, to prove the supremacy of one ideology over the other. The characters they create tumble through bawdy, romantic, and fantastic adventures. The actors transform themselves into a myriad of unforgettable characters—and even some natural phenomena, such as earthquakes and storms at sea.

Admission to the preview performance on April 2nd is: \$4.00 general, and \$2.00 for students and senior citizens. Admission to all other performances is \$5.00 general, and \$2.50 for students and senior citizens. Special group rates are also available.

For reservations and group information, call 676-6178, 10:00-5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Free Tax Service

Free income tax advice will be available for Washington retirees starting Monday, February 5, through the Tax-Aide Program of the National Retired Teachers Association and the American Association of Retired Persons. There is a Tax Aide location at the West End library. The hours are Tuesday and Wednesday 1-5 p.m., and Friday 9:30-1:30.


Miss Packer, coordinator for the tax program, said the service is designed to help older taxpayers understand the various income tax forms and become familiar with special exemptions available to retirees.

"Our counselors, many of whom are retired business people with considerable experience in tax matters, are equipped to deal with most of the problems older taxpayers confront," Miss Packer said.

Sixty members of local AARP chapters and RTA units have received the special IRS training and will be staffing the counseling locations. Persons utilizing the service should take with them copies of their last tax return and forms for the current tax year, including W2's and other relevant materials.

For further information about the service, call Miss Packer at 783-0184.

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Architectural Toys at the Octagon

The delightful world of children's architectural playthings and its relationship to the built environment is featured in an exhibition at The Octagon, 1799 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. from April 3 through June 17, 1979. The exhibition, *Just For Fun*, documents the evolution of architectural toys from the 18th century to the present. On loan from the Henry Francis du Pont Winterthur Museum is a bird cage in the form of a church, bearing the inscription "William H. Crannell. 1791." Other antique toys from private collections include train terminals, doll houses, 19th century banks and blocks used by Frank Lloyd Wright and Mies van der Rohe.

In conjunction with the American Institute of Architects' theme for 1979, *A Celebration of Architecture*, many prominent architects have been commissioned to play with contemporary architectural toy media and their resulting designs are featured. The Architects Collaborative of Cambridge, Massachusetts, designer of the American Institute of Architects headquarters, has created a building with an Erector Set; the firm Mitchell/Giurgola of Philadelphia has done a Bristol Block model and Donald B. Myer, AIA, of the U.S. Fine Arts Commission has created a Tinkertoy replica of the historic Octagon.

One highlight opening of the show is a sand castle designed and constructed in the Octagon garden by Hugh Newell Jacobsen, FAIA, of Washington, D.C. Also in the garden are giant-sized Tinkertoys which allow architects from 8 to 80 to create their own buildings.

The Octagon is an historic house museum specializing in changing architectural exhibitions. It is open free to the public every Tuesday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 1:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The Octagon is located at 1799 New York Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C.

Concerts

THE MINISTRY OF MUSIC

A series of Lenten Organ Recitals will be presented at Western Presbyterian Church, 1906 H Street, N.W., each Thursday, March 1 through April 12, at 12:15 p.m.

March 22

David W. Ritchie

Organist/Choirmaster
The Falls Church, Episcopal

March 29

Geoffrey Simon

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Metropolitan Memorial
United Methodist Church

April 5

Alvin Lunde

Choirmaster/Organist
First Baptist Church

April 12

Tom Scheck

St. Paul's Lutheran Church
Falls Church, Virginia

The recitals are open to the public free of charge. Soup and sandwiches will be available in Fellowship Hall immediately following each recital.

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Foggy Bottom Farmer

William S. Lattin

Since the first homesick country girl placed a geranium on her city windowsill, the urbanite has been devising plant containers in many forms. One of the first is reported to have been a discarded tomato can; then came the clay pot and the windowbox. The windowbox, for decades much used on porch railings, really came into its own with the advent of the many-balconies apartment house. But a word of warning: the popularity and great demand for the windowbox have led to the use of light weight metals and plastics in order to reduce cost; thin walls have also reduced the container's effectiveness.

Only wood (Fig. 1), or styrofoam (Fig. 2) have the characteristic of keeping the plant's roots cool, as required for normal growth. A thin-walled plant container in any form can court disaster. However, this can sometimes be overcome by means of a container within a container (Fig. 3) with the space between the two filled with an insulating material (bark, fiberglass, etc.). Rose bushes in such containers flower well.

For a small tree (Japanese Red Maple) or a large tree to be kept small (Golden Weeping Willow), a wooden box (Fig. 4) or a wooden tub (Fig. 5) are best. The Figure 4 box was balcony-built (a good work area for an apartment) with pre-cut planking and brass screws; thick marine plywood could also be used.

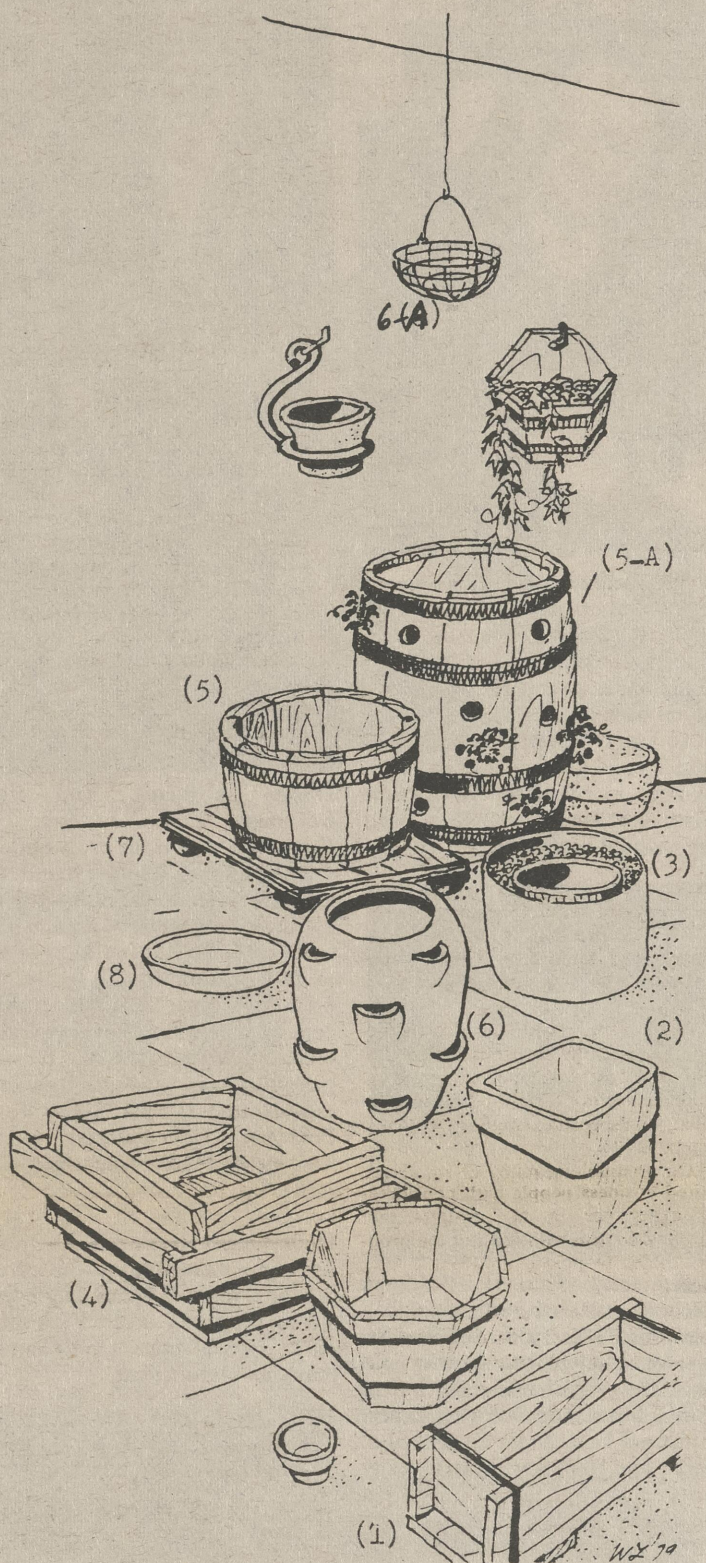
Figure 5—A barrel with augered holes—is to provide for a great number of plants while taking up little ground or floor space. In order that the soil requirements of the barrel not be excessive, a smaller barrel or box is placed in the center of the first. Most annuals do well in such a container.

Figure 6 shows a strawberry jar, a miniature of the barrel and, as the name implies, is used to grow strawberries without a garden. For it to succeed, day-long sun is required. A hanging wire basket (Fig. 6-A) can similarly contain several trailing plants; the basket is first filled with sphagnum moss (not milled) into which the roots of the annual plants are carefully tucked.

With the large containers the weight problem can be overcome in two ways—by providing a light weight soil (equal parts of perlite or vermiculite, peatmoss and a sandy loam) and with a dolly (Fig. 7). The dolly can be built from marine plywood and all-weather casters, or obtained from an industrial cleaning supply house listed in your Yellow Pages. With the dolly under your tree you have portable shade.

For the balcony gardener the most useful container of all is a water tank, which once filled will save countless trips indoors. There is also a special small diameter watering hose for apartments. The hose attaches to any faucet and will reach both your balcony tank and your indoor plants. Bottom watering on demand from a container saucer (Fig. 8) comes nearest to overcoming man's erratic watering habits of either too much or too little.

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(First of a Three Part Series)

by Mary E. Healy

Foggy Bottom, an area full of character, friendliness, charm, surprises, peace and quiet, excitement—you name it, we have it. A great many of these qualities stem from the many OWNER-OPERATED SERVICES and FACILITIES available to us in the Bottom. That personal attention, friendly smile, helping hand we get from the owners of many businesses in our area is what makes us unique and makes us a sought after area in which to live. I have not researched the City, but I venture to say that there are very few residential areas in the City with as many owner-operated businesses as the Bottom.

I thought you might like to know a little about these owners and to see what they look like. So I started out to photograph all of them, with the idea that I could get them all in a two-page spread of one issue of the *Foggy Bottom News*. No way—after awhile I figured it would probably take three issues. So you see here only the tip of the iceberg—the balance will follow in later issues. The businesses which didn't make this issue please don't feel left out; I'll get around to you. In fact, you can help me by identifying yourself. How about calling me and we can set up a time when I can come to see you. My telephone number is 337-3076. Please call only between 10a.m. and 3 p.m.

Foggy Bottom Residents patronize our neighborhood businesses: it is good business for them and for us.



Seymour and Ron Rich (father and son partnership). Open Sundays for brunch and dinner, other days for lunch and dinner, serving on Friday and Saturday until 11 p.m. Seymour and Ron opened the **Golden Table Restaurant** in the Columbia Plaza Mall 10 years ago, to the pleasure of many FB residents who were long time customers of their "Rich's" restaurant (at 19th and E for 28 years). The Rich's Continental Cuisine makes dining a joy (even at today's prices). Seafood is a specialty of the House. The new Sunday Brunch is a welcome addition to the Bottom services. Seymour was born in Philadelphia and Ron is a native Washingtonian.



Ian Melshenker, Opticians of Watergate, in the Watergate Mall

for the past 3½ years. Alan carries an unusually large selection of frames—about 1,000 different styles, does all his own work on the premises, and filling of prescriptions by the next day is not unusual service. Alan's is basically a true customer service shop. On Saturdays he helps customers relax by serving wine and cheese while you wait for service. Alan came to Washington about four years ago from New York City, where he was born; he has been in the optical business about 10 years.



Danny Diaz, Ltd. in the Columbia Plaza Mall. Danny has been in the Mall 10 years, handling custom made and ready to wear men's clothing. He was born in Galicia, Spain, where he was a professional tailor. He traveled all over South America, Canada, and Europe before deciding to settle down in the USA about 12 years ago. After a few years being in charge of the Men's Tailor Shop at Raleigh's, Danny decided to strike out on his own. His fine suits, haberdashery and expert tailoring have resulted in repeat customers over and over again. Hammon Park, Haspel, Botany 500, London Fog, are but a few of his fine lines. Danny also does alterations on ladies and men's garments.



Dominique Renato of Dominique Intercoiffure in the Columbia Plaza Mall, catering to women and men. Speciality International Coiffures, full beauty services and a recently opened boutique carrying fine Italian gifts, dresses, blouses, bags and other International hand made items. Dominique has been in the Mall two years, coming from Georgetown.



Wayne Cochran, Watergate Sunoco Service Station, 2643 Va. Ave. Full Service Station, minor repairs. Open Sundays—no mechanic on Sundays. Wayne was born in Clintwood, Va., and has been in the Washington area for 19 years. He has been at 2643 about 7 years, the last year of which has been as owner/operator. Son David and Daughter Sheila both have assisted at the station.



Shirley and Herbert Goldman (Herbert not shown; bashful). **Columbia Plaza Valet**, 523 23rd St. Same day service on clothes and shirts, shoe repair while you wait if desired, fine custom tailoring, expert seamstress from Israel on premises. Shirley and Herb were born to Valet Service; Herb's father owned a laundry in New York on the site where the United Nations Building now stands; Shirley's father had a French Dry Cleaning Shop in New York. Shirley and Herb have been in the Mall for 10 years.



Brothers Leon and Eddie Miranian, Watergate Exxon, 2708 Va. Ave. Full Service Station, minor repairs, Volkswagen repair a specialty. Leon and Eddie are native Washingtonians. Their father is from Armenia and their mother from Ontario, Canada.



Dudley Williams, Top Value Beverages, 2331 Va. Ave. "The Friendly Store" is the proper title for Dudley's store. Dudley handles an extensive selection of liquors, wines, cordials, champagne, beer and party snacks. He has been at the same spot in the Bottom for 18 years; he's practically a native Washingtonian, coming here when he was two years old from Washington, Va. He owns the building in which his business is located (a rarity), lives in the Potomac Plaza Terraces. Dudley was open on the very first day of the recent Big Snow and did some good business (we had to keep warm). Dudley has a bosom pal in his police dog companion who is in the store all day and night. Dudley has been a strong supporter of the FBA for all his 18 years, giving a helping hand on many an Oktoberfest.



Dr. Milton Williams, Columbia Plaza Pharmacy, 516 23rd St. Full pharmacy, hospital and surgical supplies and sundries. Free Delivery. Open Sundays. CPP has been at the Columbia Plaza Mall for 2½ years. Doc Williams was born in Reading, Pa., attended Philadelphia College of Pharmacy & Science, and has been in the Washington area since 1953.



Antonio Buttaro and Daughter Claudia of the Watergate Hairstylists in the Watergate Mall. An international Salon with operators from Italy, France, Switzerland, Greece, Korea, Spain

and the United States. Full beauty services from permanents and studio coloring to pedicures. Antonio opened his Salon in the WM in 1966; he has been in the Washington area since 1958, coming here from Rome, Italy. Claudia was born in Italy. Antonio formerly was Secretary of the Italian Embassy. Mrs. Buttaro was in the beauty profession in Italy for many years prior to coming to this country.



Jio Rascona (co-owner with Frank Sottile), Watergate Barber Shop at the Watergate Shopping Mall (down by Peoples and the Safeway). The shop opened 13 years ago; it specializes in European razor cuts, manicures, hairstyling and all barber services, plus shoe shining and shoe dying. Jio was born in Bentonville, Pa.; he has been in the Washington area for 30 years and barbering has been his profession since he started to work many years ago.



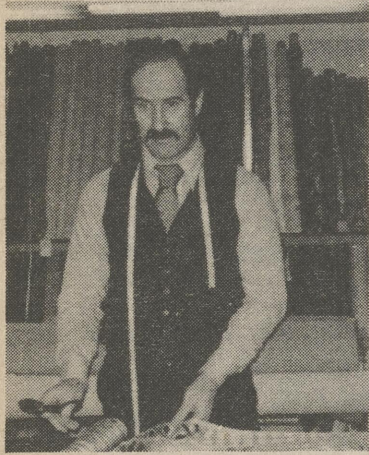
M. Jean Stewart, Watergate Gift Shop in the Watergate Mall, specializing in items for apartments and townhouses; gifts for all ages, accessories for the home and office—many handmade items, cards, candles, stuffed animals, baskets, macrame, china, brass, crystal, racks, tables, carts, pictures. Jean was born in Louisville, Kentucky and came to Washington in 1961. She has been in business four years; this is her first business venture. Jean has lived in the Bottom since 1971; she encourages browsing in the shop and she makes your visit a pleasant memory.



Basil Theologue and son Charles (Mother Helen not shown), owners of Watergate Jewelers in the

March 1979

Watergate Mall. Basil's first self-owned business venture started when he opened in the WM 7 years ago. He has been in the jewelry business for years, but this is his first shop. Basil has been in Washington about 30 years, coming down from Brooklyn, NY. Charles was born here as was his mother, who is a southeast Washingtonian. Specialty is Creative Jewelry Design—custom work, precious stones and metals, jewelry and watch repair—and above all, fine quality. Basil quoted a line which reflects how he feels about poor quality: "... the bitterness of poor quality remains long after the sweetness of low price is forgotten."



Mohammad Rezvan, owner/operator of **BZ Fabrics** of **Watergate** in the Watergate Mall. This shop is well known for its select fabrics, including designer and couturier pieces from around the world. Regular features are hard to get fabrics, such as cashmere, mohair, pure silks, cottons, linens, woolens and the latest fashion fabrics. Full lines of Vogue and Butterick patterns. Advice is expert and free with purchase. Open on Sundays. Mohammad's national origin is Iran; he has resided in this metropolitan area for 9 years.



Carl Harding, **Harding Salon of Beauty**, 2375 Va. Ave. Carl is another rarity, he too owns his shop property as well as his business. He became one of the original owners in the Potomac Plaza Apartments in 1957. He has been an FB News advertiser since 1958. Carl previously had two other shops in Washington, one on North Capitol Street and one on Kennedy Street. Carl was born in Washington, North Carolina, came here in 1925, and lived in the Bottom at the Potomac Plaza for many years prior to moving to Harbour Square. His shop specializes in hairstyling, permanent waves and coloring.



Robert I. Packman (otherwise known by us as Rip; bet hardly anyone knew he had a real name). Rip is the proud owner of **Watergate Wine and Beverage** in the Watergate Mall. For the past 14 years, he has carried the finest of wines and spirits in this shop. He also carries gourmet party food, cheeses, and party supplies. He recently expanded into Fine China, Silver and Crystal, handling Christofle silver, Mottahedeh, Fitz, Floyd and Herend china. Rip is from Atlantic City, NJ originally; he's been here 18 years and fast becoming "an adopted native."



Tom Skiadoes and Spiros Diavates of **Nichols Superette**, 912 NH Ave. Open Sundays. Tom and Spiros have owned and operated this store since 1963. Nichols Superette is a small general neighborhood convenience store, selling cold cuts, dairy products, bread, snacks, beer, wine, cigarettes, canned goods, vegetables and fruit, and giving away free friendliness and neighborly conversation. When we talk about character in our area, Nichols is part of what we are describing—a Mom and Pop type store. Both Tom and Spiros live in the Bottom. Tom lives over the store; both are first generation Greeks. Tom is from Sparta and Spiros from Aravok, Adelphie. There has been a store at the Nichols location for 58 years. Someday I might try to run down the history.



Lester, Anne Dobbs and Henry Kaufman (Al Kaufman not shown; on vacation). Owners/partners of the **Federal Supermarket** at 2430 Pa. Ave. Open Sundays. This is a father, son, daughter, and son-in-law combination which is hard to beat. They have been operating the Supermarket for the past 29 years. 9,000 different items are stocked and

Foggy Bottom News they have, I'm told, one of the most complete wine selections of any grocery store in the City. They feature choice meats and provide specials on certain cuts of meat, such as filet mignon and veal scallopini. If you shop and want delivery (and live within 10 blocks of the store) delivery service is free. Anne and Henry were both born in Washington, two thirds of the first triplets born here. They were in the first class to go through the John Quincy Adams School from the 1st thru the 7th grade (JQA was at 19th and California Streets).



John Tarantola, a newcomer to the Bottom with his **Aaron Vac and Sew Shop** at 2421 Pa. Ave. John joined us in May 1978; this is a new business venture for him. He repairs and services vacuum cleaners and sewing machines (some while you wait), and he sells supplies. John's is the only service of this type in our area and he needs our business to help him make it. Commercial contractors are keeping him in business right now; one told me that if there were more repairmen like John, their problems would be cut in half—this is a fine recommendation.



Peter and Barbara Laricos of the **Intrigue Restaurant** at 824 NH Ave. Open daily (Mon-Sat) for lunch and dinner, except Sat., which is dinner only. Kitchen open until 12:30 a.m., allowing for dinner after the theatre. Peter says they buy and serve the most expensive and finest meats and fish, and prepare them in a Mediterranean and International style. Mediterranean steaks are a House Specialty. On April 7 the Intrigue will have been open for business in our area for five full years. What a change they have made in that area; the previous tenants were not accepted in our area very well. Peter was formerly with Chasen's Restaurant in Beverly Hills, Calif. and had his own Adam's

Rib Restaurant in New York on the East Side. Barbara was formerly with the Marriott Corp. in their Internal Audit Dept. They have only one child, Peter Martin, age 8.



Robin Weir, Intrigue Coiffure, 824 NH Ave., Intrigue Hotel Lobby. Robin has been in the Bottom area

for 10 years. He has owned his own shop at his present location for the past 3 years. The shop specializes in high fashion coloring, styling, arches, waxing, manicures, pedicures, and complete cosmetology services. Robin is a native Washingtonian, born at the "old Providence Hospital", moved to Florida and California and came back home about 11 years ago. In 1978 and 75 Robin received the Highest Award by the Profession as Style Maker of the Year; he represented the United States in Europe in 1977 and 78 as official representative of the American Hairdressing Profession. He has a national reputation as a Hair Stylist and was the first DC Hair Stylist (I'm told) to be in Vogue Magazine since 1971 (see Vogue Spring & Summer 1979 issue). Robin writes extensively for beauty magazines.



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Seen A r o u n d the Bottom

by Mary E. Healy

The Big Snow of February 19 was a wonder to behold in my area of Foggy Bottom. It was awesome, breathtaking, eerie and exciting, to look out on the pure beauty of all that quiet snow stretching off to Georgetown, down to the River and around to the Lincoln Memorial. I stayed up most of the night and watched the snow scene change and then stayed rooted all day watching the snow plows and tractors get stuck, rooting them on, and hardly believing my eyes that they couldn't get out. I took a few long range pictures, but they don't come close to showing what I saw from my window.

It reminds me of the time I was trying to capture on film the magnificence of a full Alaskan Harvest Moon from the cockpit of a DC-3 on my way back from Nome to Anchorage. The pilot kept telling me not to waste my film, that the scene wouldn't photograph and I'd be disappointed. The hard-headed Irish side of me just wouldn't believe him, so I took dozens of shots. That was a very costly lesson; the pictures almost shattered my memory of that beautiful sight.

During that big snow a good samaritan shoveled the snow from Ellie's steps. Thank you, whoever you are.

From winter to spring. Our friends in the National Park Service and the City's Roadside and Parks Division have kept their word. They have removed the azaleas (which did so poorly) from the four small parks in the area of Va., N.H. Avenues and 25th & H. Soon NPS will plant Flowering Crabapple trees of the Catherine variety, color pink/red, in the small park on the south side of Va. Ave. The City will plant pink double blossom crabapples of the Elyii variety in the three small parks on the north side of Va. Ave. All ground area will be put in lawn. I can hardly wait for this. There was a time when the azaleas were lovely, but that time is long gone and I look forward to a neighborhood improvement with the new plantings. The City will also trim and fertilize the hedge over the Freeway. Thank you Mr. Sulcer and Mr. Gilbert.

Our neighbor, the Guest Quarters Motel at 801 NH Ave, has done a very neighborly and charitable thing. They donated approximately 200 artificial flower table arrangements (with containers) to St. Mary's Court and the Columbia Hospital (through the Foggy Bottom Association). I inspected the plantings before contacting them—they were very lovely arrangements. Both recipients were extremely pleased; the flowers will brighten the

days of many people. Thank you Wayne Shuska for your thoughtfulness.

The lovely tulips planted by the NPS at their several parks in the Foggy Bottom area are popping out of the ground. Hopefully, some of our careless residents and visitors will stop trampling over the beds. Signs mean absolutely nothing to some people.

How about all you pet owners in our area start obeying the City ordinances. As part of a Spring Clean-up campaign, start cleaning up after your pet (we have some good neighbors who do) and dispose of the refuse properly. The rest of us would like to walk in the park to smell a flower or feel the grass under our feet (or, for that matter, we'd like to walk on the sidewalks) without having to look down all the time. Be a good neighbor, and a good sport; do your share, obey the law—pick up after your pet.

The street people are getting worse; now we have the problem of indecent exposure. If you witness any acts of this nature call the police. This cannot be tolerated.

How many of you witnessed the large numbers of sea gulls which provided us with lovely bird ballets (every day for a week after the snow) just at sundown? The gulls, even the baby terns, were as swift as lightning. It was a most interesting sight to watch them diving, turning, and practically standing straight up on their tails. Normally these birds live on our nearby rivers, but with the rivers frozen over they couldn't get food (they exist primarily on fish) so they flew inland.

A new Bus Shelter has appeared at 24th and Pa. Ave. Wonder if that is the one they removed from Va. and NH Ave.? If so, residents on the lower 40 are disturbed; they hoped it would be transferred to the temporary stop at 25th and Va. Ave.

Our park project is moving along. Doesn't sound like much progress, but it took a lot of digging on the part of the Recreation Department of the City to run down ownership. We now know who owns the three plots we are interested in for a playground, sitting parks, tennis courts, or what have you. Now we can proceed.

Now that Spring is here NPS has many interesting outings to offer to keep us out of doors. Call 426-6975 for info on what's going on. One

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interesting outing is 184 miles of Cycling Fun (via film) on March 24. Same Day—Children's Art Series, Sara Crewe, The Orphan Princess (free) at the Terrace Theatre in the Kennedy Center. For two weeks starting March 31, Imagination Celebration will be a festival of opera, drama, ballet, and jazz, all at the Terrace Theatre. For information call 254-3850.

Per The Washington Post, the Board of Education for the Roman Catholic Archdiocese of Washington approved the plan to merge four inner-city high schools into one facility. Our Immaculate Conception Girls Academy, at the corner of 24th and K Sts, is involved. Final approval of the plan rests with Cardinal William W. Baum.

Anybody interested in the Goodwill Embassy Tour? Call Mrs. Johnson on (301) 363-5960. The tour is set for Saturday, May 12, and will cover the Catholic Apostolic Delegation, the Greek, British, Netherlands, Republic of Romania, Sri Lanka, and South African Embassies. Fee is reasonable.

Did you see the Farmers' wives tractorcade lumbering its way thru Foggy Bottom on the way to market in Georgetown? Those women were making those tractors talk, almost.

Things are looking up in the City. I had reason to call to have a truck-damaged sewer top repaired and a beat-up trash can removed. Within 30 minutes both were accomplished. The workmen even swept the pavement when they finished. Thank you, Mr. Johnson, Department of Sanitation.

During the big snow, I received a "help" call from Al Cottrell. After placing a call to the City, they plowed Hughes Mews, Queen Anne's Lane and Snow's Court. Normally they don't plow in our charming alleys.

A note from Barbara Brunton, Admr. for St. Mary's Court, says ... "I count it a special blessing for our residents to be living in the heart of such a dynamic neighborhood community."

See you at the March 26 FBA meeting. Lloyd Elliott, President, George Washington University, will be our guest speaker. We should be interested in the things he has to say, and this will give us an opportunity to discuss community relations with him.

Poets in Person

The Library for the Arts and the Language/Literature Division of the District of Columbia Public Library will present "POETS IN PERSON" spring series of poetry readings to take place at the Martin Luther King Memorial Library, in the Auditorium, A-5, on Thursdays at 7:30 p.m., as follows:

March 22 Larry Neal and Jean Nordhaus

April 5 Mary Swope and Essex C. Hemphill

April 26 Martin Galvin and Barbara F. Lefcowitz

Larry Neal has published a book of poetry and has served as editor

and co-editor for two additional collections. He is a recipient of a Guggenheim Fellowship, 1971; and is presently the Executive Director of the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

Jean Nordhaus has published in *Window*, *Little Magazine*, *Prairie Schooner*, and other journals. She has also been included in the anthology, *City Celebration*. She has read at the Washington Women's Art Center, the Folger Shakespeare Library, and others. She is on the editorial board of the *Washington Review*, is a poetry and dance critic, and serves on the Dance Committee for the D.C. Commission on the Arts and Humanities.

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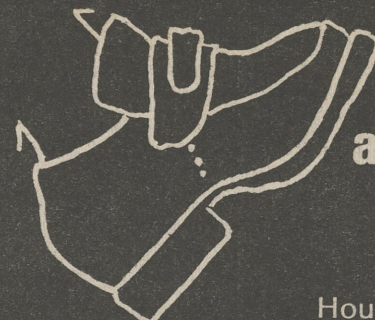
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- Apr 3-4 Hamlet
- Apr 5-7 Black Orpheus; The Bicycle Thief
- Apr 8-9 Rashomon; Gate of Hell
- Apr 10-11 The Virgin Spring; Through A Glass Darkly
- Apr 12-16 Madame Rosa; The Garden of Finzi Continis

**Foggy Bottom and West End
Advisory Neighborhood
Commission
ANNUAL REPORT
October 1977-October 1978**

Pursuant to Subsection (j) of Section 13 of the "Duties and Responsibilities of Advisory Neighborhood Commissions Act of 1975."

Recommendations for Action to be Taken By The D.C. Government

1. **Full Funding:** The Foggy Bottom and West End ANC, like most ANC's, has found it difficult to operate on a fluctuating budget. The uncertainty of our allocation, sometimes until the end of the current fiscal year, makes it impossible to plan effectively and to allocate funds in advance. Currently, we operate on under \$10,000 per year. But because of these limited funds, we can effectively address only a small proportion of our community's concerns.
2. **Planning Process:** The ANC's must be included in the planning process by the Office of Planning and Development before studies and plans are released for public comment. As representatives of the communities, the ANC members are qualified to represent the interests of the community, to act, rather than to react.

Recommendations for Improvement of ANC Operations

1. **Legal Action:** The ANC legislation must be amended to allow ANC's to follow and appeal to the Court of Appeals the cases in which they participated at an administrative level.
2. **Notice of Demolition Applications and Alley Closings:** The ANC's should receive notification from the appropriate department or City Council committee when applications for demolition permits and alley closings have been received. Too often actions on these applications are taken without public notice and/or participation and the results are often devastating and irreversible.
3. **Notification:** The D.C. Register should be provided free of charge to any ANC commissioner who so desires to receive a copy.
4. **Joint Actions of ANC's:** The provision in the ANC Act which restricts joint meetings and action of ANC's should be removed. The inability to work together has hindered any chance of developing neighborhood policies which may be applied on a broad, citywide basis.
5. **"Great Weight":** We urge the City Council to strengthen the language of the "great weight" provision of the ANC Act in order to avoid any misinterpretation by a D.C. department or agency and to clarify the weight the opinion of the ANC should receive.

**Actions Taken by ANC 2A
October, 1977**

Resolution passed to investigate the amendment of the Zoning Regulations to delete the "matter of right" inclusion of hotels and long-term transient hotels in residential districts.

Voted to oppose the BZA application of the Associated General Contractors for a parking lot at 20th and E Streets, N.W.

Hired architect John Wiebenson to draw a professional map of the ANC with present day and past landmarks.

November, 1977

Opposed BZA application of George Washington University for continuation of University parking lot.

Aided tenants of the Lombardy Apartments, displaced by the conversion of the building to an apartment hotel.

December, 1977

Voted to oppose a zoning change in Square 73 (22nd & K Streets) in order for the developer to construct a speculative office building.

Adopted an ANC position on Housing in the ANC and in the District.

Passed a resolution to support the concept and creation of hospices in the District.

January, 1978

Election of ANC officers.

Voted to support a reduction in property tax rate on residential property.

Established a Special Committee for location of Community Bulletin Boards.

February, 1978

Authorized funds to support preparation of an historic map of the ANC.

Designated a Standing Committee on Housing and a Standing Committee on Transportation.

Appointed a resident of the ANC to be a member of the Advisory Committee on Streetscape Plans of the Municipal Planning Office.

March, 1978

Proposed a text amendment to be submitted to the Zoning Commission to delete hotels and apartment hotels as a permitted use in Residential Districts.

Passed a resolution in support of the Alamac Tenants Association and their efforts to remain in the building.

Sent a letter to Douglas Schneider, Director, Department of Transportation, including potential improvements for pedestrian safety.

Authorized payment for a subscription of the D.C. Register for any Commissioner who requests it.

Voted to oppose the application of the George Washington University before the BZA for a parking lot at 2140-42-46 Eye Street, N.W.

Sent a letter to the Transportation Committee of the D.C. City Council in support of the alley closing in Square 100.

Designated a Standing Committee on Economic Development.

April, 1978

Voted to testify in Zoning Commission Case Number 78-2 to consider revisions to the CR&SP Districts, the PUD article and the treatment of hotels.

Authorized Jerry Kruter to represent the ANC at the Transportation Committee hearings to consider the enforcement of the Zone 2 Parking Permit program which the ANC considers to be poor and to argue for more stringent controls for residential parking permit holders.

Submitted a letter to the D.C. City Council in regard to the proposed Goals and Policies of the Comprehensive Plan.

Endorsed the completion of the 100-mile Metrorail system.

Voted to oppose the application of George Washington University before the BZA for a University lot on 22nd Street but voted not to oppose the application for a residential lot on 25th Street, N.W.

Voted to oppose the DHR request to designate a person to compete for a Ward position on a DHR Advisory Committee on the grounds that it was a duplication of the services an ANC provides.

May, 1978

Submitted a letter to the Department of Housing and Community Development regarding specific program requirements.

Approved two resolutions authorizing studies of the threat of

apartment hotel use in residential districts and to prepare a historic preservation plan for the ANC area.

Authorized Alfred Cottrel to testify before the Federal Aviation Administration hearings with regard to the noise pollution suffered by this area by planes flying to National Airport.

Voted to support a parking ratio of 1:1 in CR districts and urged the Zoning Commission to disallow hotels as a permitted use in Residential Districts.

June, 1978

Voted to oppose an application of George Washington University for a new parking lot on Square 40—Washington Circle.

Voted to oppose participating in the DHR Advisory Committee and wrote again to Director Russo with our opposition to the formation of the committee.

Requested City Council to create another mechanism for the filling of SMD vacancies.

Proposed a stop light to be placed at the corner of 24th & H Streets, N.W.

Authorized funds to prepare a landmark application for Michler Place (1739-1751 F Street, N.W.).

Opposed the location of foreign missions and international agencies in Residential Districts before the Zoning Commission and the National Capital Planning Commission.

July, 1978

Testified in opposition to the alley closing in Square 73 before the D.C. City Council Transportation Committee.

Opposed the application of the Associated General Contractors for the 500 block of 19th Street, N.W., for a continuation of the parking lot on the square.

Passed a resolution opposing the District's participation in the right turn on red program.

Sent a letter to the DHR stressing the need for ANC participation in the Certificate of Need certification process.

Passed a resolution to support Council Bill 2-257, the Condominium Conversion Act of 1978 and amended it to include in the bill the limits for rent levels as set in Bill 2-212 and to set a specific time period for the validity of the certificate of eligibility.

Voted to recommend that a referendum be placed on the November ballot to allow voters to decide on the fate of the Civic Center.

Endorsed, by resolution, the Historic Landmarks and Historic District Protection Act of 1978, before the D.D. City Council.

August, 1978

Opposed an application by BNA, Inc., Washington to continue the use of an illegal parking lot on 23rd Street, N.W.

Voted to participate in hearings before the State Historic Preservation Officer and the Joint Committee on Landmarks to oppose the demolition of 2022 Eye Street, N.W.

Voted to oppose the liquor license applications before the Alcoholic Beverage Control Board for restaurants at 2519 and 2525 Pennsylvania Avenue, N.W.

Voted to file a motion of reconsideration of the Board of Zoning Adjustment's decision to allow a parking lot for GWU on Square 40.

Prepared a list of Services within the Foggy Bottom community within walking distance of the Metro Stations in the area.

Submitted recommendations to the Rental Accommodations Commission regarding regulations on the "right of first refusal" clause of the Rent Control Act.

September, 1978

Voted to move the ANC office to

ANC News from A to Z

Apartment Hotels: The Zoning Commission did not grant the ANC's request for an emergency order to amend the Zoning Regulations to remove hotels as a matter-of-right use in Residential Districts. Instead, the Commission ordered expedited hearings to be held on April 2, 1979 at 1:00 p.m. to consider the treatment of hotels in Residential and Waterfront Districts. The proposals submitted by ANC 2A will be considered at that time. Any potential witnesses or volunteers should contact the ANC office and plan to attend the Zoning Commission hearings.

City-Wide Needs Hearing: The City-Wide Needs Hearing will be held on March 13, 1979 at 7:30 p.m. in the District Building City Council Chambers. The hearing is sponsored by the Department of Housing and Community Development and will give citizens and ANC's the opportunity to give testimony regarding their views of housing and community development needs in the city.

Housing still remains as the largest problem in the ANC. The Commission adopted several resolutions in response to the critical shortage of rental housing in our area. The resolutions, as forwarded to D.C. City Council members are as follows:

A. To request the Council to amend the Rental Housing Act to require owners of apartment buildings who desire to convert the buildings into hotels to go through an affirmative process to receive a Certificate of Eligibility to specify that rent ceilings and tenants' rights have been complied with.

B. To explore and to encourage the use of existing subsidies (Section 8) to supplement rental housing and to encourage the District Government to allocate additional funds for Section 8 housing to existing rental units.

C. To provide financial and technical assistance for tenants and tenants organizations who are attempting to exercise their rights under Section 602 of the Rental Housing Act to purchase the building; and to investigate the possibility of imposing the equivalent of a "speculation tax" on the profits of sale of rent-controlled buildings to condominiums or cooperatives; and

D. To require that at least 51% of the tenants in a rental building vote to affirm the conversion of a rental building to a condominium and/or a cooperative.

Metro Bus Routes: It was brought to the attention of the Commissioners that Metro has proposed to discontinue a number of bus routes which are used by residents of the ANC. Among them are the M5, 80 and 81. The proposed changes will be investigated and discussed at the next ANC business meeting.

Parking Lots:

1. **Foggy Bottom Venturers (BZA 12857):** The ANC voted to oppose the application of the Foggy Bottom Venturers to allow a special exception for a parking lot at 906½ New Hampshire Avenue, NW. The applicant was not represented at the meeting but several citizens expressed their opposition to the project. It was noted that the application was in error as the present use of the property is an illegal parking lot, not a vacant lot, as the applicant stated.

2. **National Association of Life Underwriters (BZA 12832):** The BZA has granted the application of the National Association of Life Underwriters for a special exception to allow an addition to an office building and to waive the closed court requirements for its building at 1922 F Street, NW. The ANC opposed the application on the grounds that the additional parking required was detrimental to the neighborhood and against the ANC's transportation policy.

River Inn Liquor License: A decision has not yet been reached on the application of the River Inn at 924 25th Street, NW for a liquor license. The Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law and Draft Order have been filed by attorneys for both sides in the case.

Street Lights: The ANC passed a resolution in support of citizen Jon Nowick's petition to obtain street lights on the 1000 block of 26th Street, between K and L Streets, NW. The petition pointed out the potential for crime as a result of the poor lighting and dense shrubbery in the area and urged the District to install additional street lights on both sides of 26th Street. The ANC also passed another resolution to urge the District to install and to replace street lights on the 1000 block of 25th Street, between K Street and Pennsylvania Avenue, NW for the same reasons.

Tax Surplus Rebates: The ANC voted to oppose the rebate of the \$40 million tax surplus until such time as it is determined that such funds are actually available and that those funds are not necessary for other uses.

NEXT MEETING

April 3, 1979, 8:00 p.m. St. Paul's Church

To be Discussed:

Referendum on legalized gambling

Increase of Tax exemptions

Compulsory insurance for automobiles

Amendments to Alcoholic Beverage Control Board regulations

the United Church at 20th and G Streets, N.W.

Testified before the Zoning Commission in support of the Dupont Coalition proposals for rezoning the Dupont Circle area.

Voted to testify before the National Capital Planning Commission to urge the NCPC to reconsider its approval of allowing foreign missions and international agencies to locate in Residential Districts.

Opposed the application of Josephine Gatti for a repair garage at 1130 23rd Street, N.W. before the Board of Zoning Adjustment. The garage is located in a R-5-B District.

Awarded a contract for preparation of a landmark application of the AARP Pharmacy building on

24th Street, N.W.

October, 1978

Voted to support the application of the GWU for the Academic Cluster at 22nd and H Streets, before the Board of Zoning Adjustment.

Supported, by resolution, the bill before the D.C. City Council to extend the hours of the Residential Parking Permit Program.

Voted to participate in a citywide committee to monitor the operations of various boards and commissions in the city and to share that information with other ANC's.

Participated in a meeting to compile an ANC Procedures Manual.

(to be completed in April)

One Winter Run

by John J. Connelly

Monday evenings I run. Lincoln's birthday was no different.

The night, chilled by the breath of a northeast wind, wears a 5-inch mantle of powdered snow. I thread my way through logjams of cars that skid, slip or whirl in vain to reach a dinner table somewhere, only to end up pointing in impossible directions. Down 23rd Street to the Lincoln Memorial. On his birthday, that larger-than-life lobby, the tractors, pay homage. Over-sized insects with vacant, bulbous eyes and caterpillar-like tires rimmed in white stand, stony and still, in close-packed semi-circle around the Monument. A silent horde of red, green, and blue from the farmlands of Wyoming, Texas, Arkansas and Kansas. The only sound—the short, vicious snapping of tiny flags tied to the metal giants.

I stride past, into the peace of West Potomac Park. Yellow and red warning lights and staccato bursts from a police car radio fall behind. Below is the susurrus of

yielding, rubbery snow. Ahead is an unblemished carpet, extending over even the frosted crust of the Potomac. Windcarved sand, shadows retreating like lepers, and the persistent rustle of my windbreaker. On still I glide over the bridge into East Potomac Park past orange-alarm barricades that shout in redundant black lettering—CLOSED. In the snow are the fading tracks of an errant auto. In the air is the delicate tinkle of tiny metal tags that mark with hidden purpose, certain in the unfolding row of cherry trees shivering in the wind. A sudden ice-spot slides me out of reverie. Otherwise, rhythm and peace.

I round Hains Point, head into the wind. What was soft sweep of snow is now the slight stinging of salt crystal. Snow fleets in icy-rainbow lights. Tracks gone, I am alone. No, ahead is the stunted hopping of a squat, dark-bodied rat: its trail—pairs of commas punctuating the snow. Fleeting, it slides comically sideways and, frantic, dives below, swimming for the warm, wet shelter of a sewer vent.

Can Urban Renewal Areas Be Converted?

Councilman John A. Wilson (D-2) today introduced a resolution asking Mayor Barry to seek conclusive information from the United States Congress and appropriate federal and District government agencies to ascertain if current conversions of rental apartments built with Federal Housing Administration (FHA) subsidies in urban renewal areas during the 1960's, violates the National Housing Act.

"We have a situation developing where public monies are apparently being diverted to private profit—huge speculative profits with incendiary effects on inflation—while, at the same time, the purpose and intent of the original housing legislation is being defeated," Wilson said.

"Only Congress can provide an answer to this problem," Wilson said, "for it was the Congress which pledged the full faith and credit of the United States government in the 1960's to such urban renewal areas as Southwest Washington and parts of Foggy Bottom."

"However, Congress has failed to make its purposes and intentions clear in a rapidly changing society," Wilson said. "As a result, not only here in the District but in every large city in the country, urban renewal areas designed to provide a range and mix of housing for people of all races and income brackets may be split into economically and racially segregated ghettos—Gold Coast condominiums for the rich, public housing for the poor."

"The middle will be no more—both for people who want to remain in the city rather than move to the suburbs—and for people who are seeking, in their own neighborhoods, a chance to move up as their financial position improves. Once more, the speculators in housing will prevail over those who need housing: 'Move out, or move back.'"

"And this will be done in areas created by public money—the money of the taxpayer—just at the point when those who want—and need—such housing have finally reached a point where they might, possibly, be able to afford it—only to have it snatched away by

Johnny come lately speculators."

Wilson noted that back in the 60's when the original urban renewal legislation was passed by Congress, both condominiums and cooperatives were extremely rare. Only two states, Florida and New York, had any body of legislation governing either the building of condominiums and cooperatives or the conversion of rental units to this purpose.

"In fact, there is every good reason to believe that when the D.C. Redevelopment Land Authority—or any similar body across the country—approved an urban renewal project under the National Housing Act, they meant the word 'apartment' to mean a rental unit now and forever," Wilson said.

"I don't know that as a fact," Wilson said, "but I do know as a fact of one transaction in Southwest where speculators have purchased an apartment complex for \$11 million—all in borrowed funds. Their original prospectus calls for making a few cosmetic changes in each apartment—refrigerators, cabinets for a couple of thousand dollars—and then moving on in a couple of years with a profit in excess of \$4.5 million; not a bad markup. And that's assuming the original speculators don't sell out soon for a fast \$2 million profit, and then pass an even higher markup along."

"In either case, in their wake," Wilson said, "They'll leave buildings with no basic structural improvements, and apartments costing a minimum of \$450 to \$1100 a month as condominiums that just recently rented for \$250 to \$550 a month. I don't like to think that's what Congress had in mind when it put the full, faith and credit of the United States government behind the urban renewal program—fueling inflation, frustrating legitimate aspirations, ghettoizing integrated communities, generating social unrest and economic dislocation."

"We want—we desperately need some answers to these basic questions, and I am asking that Mayor Barry provide these answers within 45 days."

To my right is a large ship with masts glistening. Smaller boats are huddled close. They lie pinched in the water's frozen grip, like over-matched ice-breakers, minatures awkwardly angled in the icing of a birthday cake. They do not groan.

Back now, through West Potomac Park. Ahead, cars choke Memorial Bridge. Some are lifeless, dark. Others boil with impatience. Around the Metorial and uphill, I pass the melee struggling still, Sisyphus-like, on its tortured way. I cruise up to Washington Circle, around, and finally, downhill to my apartment.

I wanted to share this urn. There is no moral; no truth revealed. Nature, in wintry surprise, crippled the city on Monday. It treated me to 71 minutes I will not forget.

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ball courts (compete with dressing rooms and saunas) to accommodate 300-350 players daily. The club will be open 16 hours a day, 12 hours on weekends, and is expected to open in September.

Zoning in Foggy Bottom

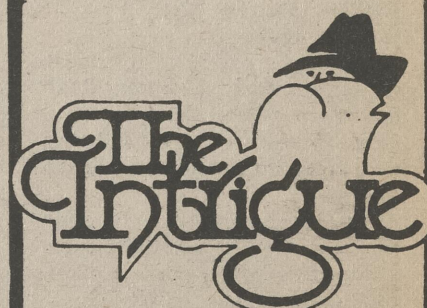
Ann Loikow, ANC 2A Chairman, explained some of the "ins and outs" of zoning. Zoning is a way of mapping an area for uses (i.e., commercial, residential, mixed use) and limitations on building sizes (i.e., single family dwelling, high-rise apartment, high-rise office) and height.

Examples of zoning's effects on Foggy Bottom are:

- The conversion of rental apartment buildings to hotels without public hearing;
- Commercial establishments, like hotels and restaurants, in the middle of residential blocks;
- High real estate tax assessments—Although your lot may have a small house on it, the lot is zoned for a high rise building, and therefore potentially valuable to developers.

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